

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Patrick Schempf

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-372 – Senior Services Division
- J-21-373 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-22-040 – Office of Economic Development
- J-21-381 – Accounting, Finance Division
- Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #22-01

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Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-372, J-21-373, J-22-040, J-21-381 and Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #22-01 as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from August 16, August 17, 2021 and Closed Session Minutes from August 16, 2021.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from August 16, August 17, 2021 and Closed Session Minutes from August 16, 2021. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Bond Authorizing Resolution for the September 2021 Sale of General Obligation Public Facilities Bonds, Tax-Exempt Series 2021A and General Obligation Public Facilities Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021B

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the Bond Authorizing Resolution for the September 2021 Sale of General Obligation Public Facilities Bonds, Tax-Exempt Series 2021A and General Obligation Public Facilities Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021B in an amount not to exceed \$325,000,000 as presented by staff. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup (CEMWG) Final Report Presentation

Barb Trader, Kevin Sellner, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Faith Klareich, Karen Cannon and Joel Rensberger presented information to the Council on the Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup (CEMWG) Final Report.

Motion to go into Closed Session

A motion was made at 7:28 p.m., by Council Vice President, Michael Blue, to go into closed session in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

***The council went into closed session at 8:00 p.m.*

Public Comment was heard from:

- Patrick Schempf

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

FINAL

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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR
CLOSING THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Motion

A motion was made at 7:28 p.m., by Council Vice President, Michael Blue, to go into closed session in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jessica Fitzwater, which passed 7-0.

Time and Location:

8:00 p.m. – Winchester Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Topic for Discussion:

To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR MINUTES OF NEXT OPEN MEETING
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021
FOLLOWING THE CLOSED MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Motion:

A motion was made at 7:28 p.m., by Council Vice President, Michael Blue, to go into closed session in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jessica Fitzwater, which passed 7-0.

Time and Location:

8:00 p.m. – Winchester Hall – First Floor Meeting Room

Others in Attendance:

Ragen Cherney, Bryon Black, Catherine Keller, Sarah Ambrosio, Jan Gardner, Rick Harcum, Lori Depies, Helen Propheter, Margaret Nausbaum, Steve Horn.

Topic Discussed:

To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State and To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Action Taken:

None

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
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